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In re Application of :
Washecka, John :
Patent No. 5,566,499 :
Application No. 08/412,933 :
Filed: March 29, 1995 :
Issued: October 22, 1996 :
Title: COLLAPSIBLE BAIT TRAP AND
DECOY CAGE TO TANTALIZE AND
ATTRACT PREDATOR FISH

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed December 21, 2004, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued October 22, 1996. The last day of the grace period for paying the 7.5-year maintenance fee was October 22, 2004. Therefore, since this petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3282.

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